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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/682,546

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Randall Winston

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-14 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0405
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DETAILED ACTION**

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Acknowledgement is made of receipt and entry of the amendment filed on 05/02/2006.

The Double Patent rejection has been overcome by Applicant's Terminal Disclaimer.

Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 17-19 will be examined on the merits. Claims 15 and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

In applicant's response on 05/02/2006, Applicant argues there is clearly no undue experimentation in the claimed process.

Applicant's argument is not found persuasive because as examiner has previously stated in his non-final office action of 11/02/2005, Claims 1-7,9-14 and 17-19 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph, because examiner has met the factors and/or requirements to be considered in determining whether undue experimentation is required are summarized in In re Wands. The factors to be considered in determining whether undue experimentation is required are summarized in In re Wands, 858 F.2d 731, 737, 8 USPQ2d 1400, 1404 (Fed. Cir. 1988) (a) the breadth of the claims; (b) the nature of the invention; © the state of the prior art; (d) the level of one of ordinary skill; (e) the level of predictability in the art; (f) the amount of

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direction provided by the inventor; (g) the existence of working examples; and (h) the quantity of experimentation needed to make or use the invention based on the content of the disclosure.

Therefore, Applicant claims a method of treating any and/or all chronic diseases, conditions and symptoms in animals, comprising a) withholding all food for at least 5 days, except for tropical root crops b) and feeding a concentrated form of any and/or all tropical root for a period of at least five days to said patient. Applicant has reasonably demonstrated on pages 51-54, examples III-VI of the specification, a method of treating particular conditions and symptoms in animals, including humans (i.e. those recited in claim 1 of Application No. 09/889,133 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,632,461) selected from the group consisting of autism, anxiety, arthritis, asthma, colic, congestion, diabetes, digestive upsets, irritable bowel syndrome, eczema, fatigue, migraine headaches, multiple sclerosis, seizures and rashes comprising a) withholding all food for at least 5 days, except for tropical root crops b) and feeding a concentrated form of tropical root crops selected from the group consisting of white sweet potato, malanga, cassava, true yam, water chestnut, arrowroot, and lotus for a period of at least five days to said patient (as recited in claim 1 of US 6,632,461). Applicant's specification, however, has failed to provide guidance or working examples whereby applicant prepares a method of treating any and/or all chronic diseases, conditions and symptoms in animals, comprising a) withholding all food for at least 5 days, except for tropical root crops b) and feeding a concentrated form of any and/or all tropical root for a period of at least five days to said patient.

Moreover, it should be noted that the state of the prior art at the time the invention was filed did not recognize a method of treating any and/or all chronic diseases, conditions and symptoms in animals via any method including the method instantly claimed. For example, Slimak et al. et al. teach (US 5789012 see, e.g. title, column 2, lines 33-35) feeding tropical root crops selected from the group consisting of sweet potatoes, cassava, edible aroids, amaranth, yams lotus and potatoes to treat conditions such as food allergies. Thus, the art is silent regarding the efficacy of applicant's method of treating any and/or all chronic diseases, conditions and symptoms in animals, comprising a) withholding all food for at least 5 days, except for tropical root crops b) and feeding a concentrated form of any and/or all tropical root for a period of at least five days to said patient. Therefore, applicant's claimed method is highly unpredictable in the art. In addition, the applicant's specification fails to provide guidance or working examples whereby applicant prepares a method of treating any and/or all chronic diseases, conditions and symptoms in animals, comprising a) withholding all food for at least 5 days, except for tropical root crops b) and feeding a concentrated form of any and/or all tropical root for a period of at least five days to said patient.

Therefore, it would require undue experimentation without a reasonable expectation of success for one of skill in the art to practice the invention commensurate in scope with the claims.

**No claims are allowed.**

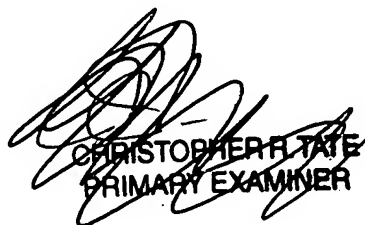
***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randall Winston whose telephone number is 571-272-0972. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on 571-272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

  
CHRISTOPHER H. TATE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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